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HOW PROMOTION WORK HELPS COMMUNITY SPIRIT.

Aside from the direct and indirect cash value of the tourist traffic—which runs up into the hundreds of thousands yearly—promotion work has a definite community value. It represents life, action, progress; it helps put and keep the community "up on its toes."

The tremendous strides of western cities in the last half-century have been primarily due to this aggressive community spirit, this enthusiasm over their assets and possibilities. The city or town which believes in boosting is also the city or town which tries to live up to its progressive ideals. The community that advertises has to make good on what it advertises; it cannot afford to let improvements go by the board.

All of this is so obvious that it would be almost foolish to repeat it here except for the fact that the criticism of Supervisor Hatch has started some discussion upon the value of the Promotion Committee's work to Honolulu and Hawaii in general.

This value is so direct, so easily substantiated by figures upon the money spent by tourists in many channels, and the business activity due to tourists, that it is beyond peradventure. The fact that the "little fellows" in business are just as strong supporters of the Promotion Committee as the big fellows is proof enough that tourist money does not go into a few pockets only; it goes into many pockets; it helps many businesses.

All of this would seem to have been beyond the stage of debate long ago, but it appears that there are still doubting Thomases. A few years ago there were a good many but most of the skeptical have since been enlightened.

MAKING PROHIBITION A LIVE ISSUE.

Though the old-line national parties obstinately refused to include a prohibition plank in their platforms this year, prohibition is distinctly a live political-moral issue. Perhaps its most significant development is the formation of "The Committee of Sixty" with headquarters in New York and branches throughout the country.

The purpose of this committee is to enroll 5,000,000 voters who will pledge themselves to work for national prohibition through the big parties and not to support the big parties until their demand is granted. It is noteworthy that the men and women supporting this committee are men and women of substantiality and intelligence—headed by David Starr Jordan and including college presidents, Grand Chief Stone of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Prof. Irving Fisher, Yale's noted economist, Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, Luther Burbank and many others of national reputation.

The committee in its appeal to the delegates and leaders of the coming conventions declares what is asserted to be absolute findings of modern science, namely, that alcohol is the enemy of public health, business efficiency and national morals. It also claims that prohibition has made so much progress in the last four years as to deserve a place in the national platforms of all political parties.

This conclusion is based partly on the fact that since the last presidential election the Webb-Kenyon law passed Congress by a vote of more than two to one, in spite of its having been vetoed by President Taft, and that the house of representatives over a year ago gave a majority vote in favor of the Hobson constitutional amendment, despite the opposition of party leaders on both sides of the house. It is also pointed out that the majority of the people of the United States, 60 per cent, already live in territory voted dry and that in area, 80 per cent is under prohibition law. Attention is called also to the impetus the war has given to prohibition throughout the world, not only in Russia and the other warring nations across the waters, but also in Canada, New Zealand and generally throughout civilization.

WAR'S NEIGHBORS.

Not even the Caucasian front is more hazy than the Italo-Austrian front in the mind of the average reader of war news. Yet some of the most interesting events of the great conflict are taking place along this front broken by lofty mountains and serrated with ridges and passes for whose possessions whole regiments are dying.

Zagora, which is a little mountain hamlet that was buried oblivion before the war, is famous today as the only point on the Austro-Italian front, and perhaps on any army front, where enemy trench lines actually run into each other. For 400 miles on this front the Austrian and Italian trenches run parallel, being often as close as thirty to fifty yards, but at Zagora they slide into each other and then slide away again, uphill and down dale, following the general trend of the Isonzo river which empties into the Adriatic sea far above Venice.

The situation at Zagora illustrates the difficult and curious character of the warfare on this front, where there are probably not anywhere opposing lines of trenches crossing so much as a single acre of flat land, for there is no flat land except on a rare mountain top.

An officer escorting correspondents recently pointed to the barbed wire and said: "We are on such intimate relations with the Austrians that we and they use the same barbed wire protection. There isn't room to plant any more and their wires prevent them from getting at us, as well as keeping us from getting at them." Then, with a dulled expression, he pointed

to the bodies of soldiers lying in the open space, caught in the wires, fruit of attacks and counter attacks. "The Austrians won't let us pick up the dead, so there they lay," he explained. "They play the mitrailleuse there until they die. Sometimes it takes a long time. This morning a man died who had been there for three days, with a fractured leg. At least he doesn't move any more, so he must be dead."

CITY POLITICS OF THE RIGHT KIND.

The five businessmen who compose the municipal affairs committee of the Chamber of Commerce have a real opportunity to take an active and helpful part in shaping city events and particularly in working with the supervisors.

The reorganized committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. William Thompson, emphasizes that it has no politics to play except the politics of sound civic business. This is exactly right. Whatever legislation is urged for adoption in party platforms should be urged on all parties. There should be no such thing as a Democratic policy or a Republican policy for Honolulu. Municipal affairs have nothing to do with national politics, except that some kind of party organization is necessary to accomplish anything, and the voters here naturally align themselves under old-time party designations. But intrinsically there is no excuse for making city legislation dependent upon Republican or Democratic politics, and the Chamber of Commerce can help get away from party politics in local affairs by dealing not with parties but with principles applicable to and under all parties.

There is room in Honolulu for some such organization as the Municipal Voters' League of Chicago, for some bureau of municipal research, while shall investigate and report publicly upon city affairs in a thoroughly efficient and broad-minded way. The public would like to know, for instance, the exact state of city finances, and whether there is or is not a deficit. Ex parte statements from city officials never satisfy the public at large. A majority of the men who now compose the board of supervisors would not accept the statements of their Democratic predecessors and made these statements the subject of campaign attack. Similarly the public now is inclined to question the reckoning of the present board. The municipal affairs committee, had it the funds, could do a service by studying this matter of finances with expert aid. In the absence of a bureau of municipal research, the chamber's new committee is confronted with an opportunity which it is capable of seizing if it desires so to do.

Visitors in the city will be well repaid tonight by a trip to Oahu College to see the night-blooming cereus tonight. Occasionally in a fit of temperament this floral apostle of the night-life disappoints those who go to see it, lured by advance notices that it will surely appear per schedule, but generally it is there in all its glory, a dim snowbank against the old stone wall that surrounds Punahou.

The strenuous publicity campaign to recruit 3000 new members of the National Guard in New York in thirty days has yielded 2000. Two-thirds of a loaf is much better than no bread, and an increase of these proportions under peace conditions and against the competition of other interests that appeal to young men is perhaps satisfactory.—New York World.

Hawaii, with 240,000 population against 12,000,000 for New York, could have raised the 3000.

While Sheriff Rose is absent on the mainland inspecting model jails and penitentiaries and things, he might look around for "Jack" McGrath and a cell that will hold him here.

A city with the tourist possibilities of Honolulu might as well hang crape on the waterfront and patronize the undertaker as to quit advertising its assets.

Republican territorial platform convention will meet in three weeks. It is credibly reported the platform will endorse Hughes and Fairbanks.

Hughes and Roosevelt lunched together today. It wasn't on the menu but the piece de resistance for the Colonel was funeral baked meats.

The description of Verdun as a veritable inferno naturally calls to mind that much better and terser description of Sherman's.

Mr. Bryan wants a national referendum on preparedness. He should lay low until next November.—St. Paul Dispatch.

"No coats off" rules the mayor at board meetings, thus precluding all opportunity for shirt-sleeve diplomacy.

More crime with deadly weapons. When will the crusade against knife-wielders and gun-toters begin?

No sooner has the American aviator won a reputation than his funeral notice is in the papers.

Fairbanks and Marshall will have a nice little hometown fight of it in Indiana.

Capturing a picture-bridge would appear to be among the dangerous sports.

Honolulu needs an American theater more than a Greek theater.

YOU ARE INVITED

Saturday, July 1, is the Star-Bulletin's birthday. The Star-Bulletin is celebrating the completion of four years of activity in its new home on Merchant street, and we take pleasure in inviting our friends and well wishers, old and young, great and small, to visit us in our new building. This recently-completed home, with its special newspaper-publishing and printing facilities, will be thrown open for your inspection. A buffet luncheon will be served on our roof garden from 11:30 to 1 o'clock, and you are assured of a hearty welcome. If you can't come for luncheon, come any time—the latchstring is always out and you will see a newspaper plant at full blast.

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Personal Mention

COL. HARRY A. BALDWIN, 3d Infantry, N. G. H., of Maui, returned Monday after a business trip to this city.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL I. M. STAINBACK left last night for Kauai to take up tax appeal cases on that island.

MR. AND MRS. Z. K. MYERS returned to Honolulu today on the Lurline after having spent some time on the mainland.

MRS. EDWARD R. BLANCHARD of Pauwela, Maui, will arrive in Honolulu shortly after the first of the month and will spend the summer here.

EBEN LOW of the Oahu Shipping Company is planning to go to Kahului Monday on the Inter-Island steamer Kilauea to take in the celebration there.

2D LIEUT. S. T. SHORT, 3d Infantry, N. G. H., of Wailuku, Maui, is in Honolulu on a four-day business trip. He called at National Guard headquarters this morning.

MRS. J. H. CUMMINGS, accompanied by her daughter, Esther, left for Hanalei, Kauai, last evening on the Kinau. Mrs. Cummings is visiting her mother on the island.

MRS. ANDERSON, wife of Captain Anderson of the Honolulu, left on the Matsonia today. She will meet her husband in Tacoma July 10. She was formerly Miss Anne Rose.

DR. O. E. WALL arrived today from the mainland on the Matson steamer Lurline. He has been away on a business trip for five weeks and will immediately resume his practice.

DR. DONALD MACLENNAN, father-in-law of Land Commissioner B. G. Rivenburgh, is recovering at the Heretania Sanitarium from an operation. His condition today was reported satisfactory.

MRS. EDWARD BOYUM of Hanalei, Kauai, left for San Francisco on the Matsonia today on her way to Louisiana for a visit of three months. She will be accompanied by her two children.

SAMUEL G. WILDER, JR., son of S. G. Wilder, arrived this morning on the steamer Lurline. He has been attending college on the mainland and is spending the summer vacation in Honolulu.

RALPH C. QUARLES, JR., son of Hon. Ralph P. Quarles, associate justice of supreme court, is returning to Honolulu for his summer vacation. He has been attending The Citadel, a military academy in Charleston.

PROF. VAUGHAN MACCAUGHEY of the College of Hawaii closed on June 16 a series of lectures at the State Normal School, Bellingham, Washington, and from there went on to Oklahoma, where he is to lecture.

FIRST LIEUT. H. KINBERG, 3d Infantry, N. G. H., has resigned and his resignation has been accepted, as he is leaving to accept a position in San Francisco. He has been living at Haiku, Maui, for the last year or more.

R. C. BOWMAN, vocational instructor for Maui, has been visiting in Honolulu prior to departing for the mainland on the Matsonia for Kansas and Oklahoma. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Bowman and will return to the islands on September 1.

WILLIAM LYON PHELPS, professor of English literature at Yale University, accompanied by Mrs. Phelps, left for the mainland on the Matsonia today. Prof. Phelps came to Honolulu to participate in Punahou's seventy-fifth anniversary celebration.

JUDGE AND MRS. SEBA C. HUBER will leave for Hilo on the Mauna Kea on Saturday afternoon, where Judge Huber will go to deliver the oration at the armory on the morning of July 4. While there Judge and Mrs.

FUND FOR IRISH RELIEF SOUGHT BY COMMITTEE

Need of Emerald Isle Set Forth in Letter From John A. Hughes

Funds for Irish relief are being raised in Honolulu. A local committee, with Frank D. Creedon of the insurance department of the Hawaiian Trust Company at its head, has been formed. The particulars are given in the following letter from John A. Hughes:

"Honolulu, T. H., June 28, 1916. "Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

"Sir: I should thank you to give space in your valued paper to the following:

"The recent revolution in Ireland having plunged that country into the grim vortex of war, the unrelenting toll of misery and death is now being paid. A great part of the city of Dublin is in ruins, hundreds have been slain, other hundreds have been sentenced to penal institutions and detention camps, and the economic life of the country is paralyzed.

"Those conditions naturally have touched a sympathetic chord in American hearts, and men who with noble generosity answered the call from Poland, Belgium and Serbia are now responding with equal generosity to alleviate the sufferings in Ireland.

"Committees for the purpose of securing donations to this fund have been formed in all the cities on the mainland, with headquarters at New York City. The local committee consisting of Frank D. Creedon (who is treasurer), Dan Conway, Jack Cleary and J. J. Warren are empowered to receive subscriptions, and at Fitzpatrick's cigar store on Fort street, there will also be found a subscription list for those desiring to aid this worthy cause.

"It is needless to add that in the distribution of this fund race, creed or color is not recognized.

"Very truly yours,

"JOHN A. HUGHES."

HAROLD WONG WINS COVETED HONOR AT MAINLAND COLLEGE

Another McKinley High school graduate has achieved honors at a mainland college. This time it is Harold Wong of the class of 1912, who finishes his course this morning at the school of law of Northwestern University. Wong, in writing to friends here, says that he has been elected to the Order of the Coif in the law school, which corresponds to Phi Beta Kappa in the liberal arts. The election took place on June 3, Wong being one of eight students selected out of a class of 95 members.

Luke Meekins, of Philadelphia, father of 8-year-old Rich Meekins, whose body was found in a West Philadelphia meadow, was cleared of suspicion of the murder of his son and released from jail.

Three German officers and 32 soldiers, all Socialists, are reported to have been executed for distributing in the trenches a pamphlet concerning the second Socialist peace conference at Zimmerwald.

Huber will be guests of the Bar Association of Hilo.

ARMIN OTTO LEUSCHNER, dean of the graduate school and professor of astronomy at the University of California, who came to Honolulu to participate in Punahou's 75th anniversary celebration, will leave for the mainland in the Wilhelmina on July 12, accompanied by Mrs. Leuschner.

FARRANT L. TURNER, Wesleyan '17, is one of the most prominent members of the Wesleyan student body. He was recently elected secretary-treasurer of the College Body. Turner prepared at Punahou academy, is a member of Psi Upsilon and several honor societies at college, was chairman of the junior promotion committee and captain of the swimming team for three years, as well as manager of basketball.

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NEW CENTRAL GRAMMAR PRINCIPAL HONORED BY PUPILS AT WAIPAHU

Mrs. Sophie Overend is Given Farewell at Notable Graduating Exercises

The closing exercises of the Waipahu school took place on Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock. An elaborate program was rendered, consisting of songs, recitations, stories, etc. A vocational play was given by the seventh and eighth graders, the point of which was that efficiency is the keynote of every business today and that it is the efficient person who gets the best position.

The first eighth grade in the history of the school graduated 100 per cent strong.

At the close of the exercises Miss Margaret Fraime, an eighth-grade graduate, said she had something to say and asked Mrs. Sophie Overend to step to the front of the stage, which she did, and was covered with leis by the children of the seventh and eighth grades whom she has taught this year. A chorus of children at the back of the stage sang "Aloha Oe." It was very effective and affecting; needless to say, everybody cried.

This was in compliment to Mrs. Overend, who after 12 years as principal of Waipahu school leaves to accept the principalship of Central Grammar in Honolulu, the second largest school on the islands. Everyone expressed regret at her leaving as she has done much for the school and grounds. The latter she has transformed from a barren, treeless waste into a park covered with beautiful trees, grass and flowers.

At the conclusion of the program the guests were asked to go to the principal's room and look at the exhibition of academic and manual training work.

The written work and maps were well worth seeing as they were beautifully done.

The manual training consisted of

dresses, shirts, underwear (dresses), tatting, crocheting and fancy articles. Every desk in the room was covered and the exhibit elicited much praise. After the exhibition was over the children took their work home as they had finished all the material.

Mrs. Overend invited the teachers to her cottage, where delicious refreshments were served and goodbyes were said.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—CHAPLAIN IGNATIUS FEALY, Schofield. We thank the Star-Bulletin very much for its generous efforts in behalf of our new gymnasium and the excellent editorial on the subject. Also, God bless the Ad Club!

ALTERATIONS ON CORNER BUILDING TO COST \$10,000

Extensive alterations and improvements of the business block at the mauka-Ewa corner of Fort and King streets are contemplated for the benefit of the tenants, M. A. Gunst & Co. Rooms heretofore occupied by the Home Insurance Co. on the second floor are to be altered and used as store rooms by the cigar dealers. The ground floor store is to be remodeled. Altogether about \$10,000 is to be expended on the improvements.

The insurance company recently moved to the offices formerly occupied by Fred L. Waldron, Ltd.

King Duytan of Annam, French Indo-China, has been deposed by the French on charges of complicity in anti-French riots.

Secretary of War Baker is arranging for the shipment of 30 tandem motorcycles and 18 standard motorcycles to the border for patrol work around El Paso.

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